

MONTEREY BELLES TAKE COAST AREA YWBA TITLE

Defeat Salinas Bluettes in Tourney Final

Rodeo City Sextette Displays Class in Losing to Champions

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MONTEREY, Jan. 8—A tired Salinas YWBA Bluette team, which had just previously finished playing two consecutive tussles, faltered miserably in the second half of the finals to lose heart-breakingly to the Monterey Belles by a close 23-21 score in the MUHS gym Sunday. By virtue of the triumph, the local Belles copped the 1940-41 Coast district YWBA championship tournament, dethroning the San Jose YWBA lassies.

In spite of their defeat at the hands of the Monterey girls in the final game, many non-partisan side-

Coaches Select All-Star Teams

MONTEREY, Jan. 8—The coaches' Coast district YWBA tourney all-star cage teams have been announced as follows:

FIRST TEAM

Forwards

Tets Okida, San Jose
Miyoko Enokida, Monterey
Alice Matsushita, Salinas

Guards

Sunako Tazumi, Salinas
Yasu Oyama, Monterey
A. Kifune, San Jose

SECOND TEAM

Forwards

Momoe Oyama, Monterey
Frances Nakamoto, Mt. View
M. Tsubochi, Monterey

Maya Miyanaga, Salinas
Bernice Hinaga, San Jose

Guards

Thelma Noguchi, Salinas
A. Kawakami, San Jose
Grace Nakano, Mt. View

line observers were of the opinion that the Salinas girls had the better team last Sunday in the tournament.

This is not to discredit the splendid performances turned in by Monterey's flashy forwards, Miyoko Enokida, Molly Tsubochi and Momoe Oyama, and their hard-working guards, Anita Takigawa, Ruby Oda and Yasu Oyama, but that apparently was the verdict of the majority of the people who saw a great Salinas six run up a commanding 12-6 half-time lead, and then saw their margin whittled down and finally overtaken.

Alice and Sally Matsushita and Maya Miyanaga turned in outstanding performances for the visitors as they dazzled the local girls with their speed and finesse. Fine performances were also turned in by Salinas' Sunako Tazumi, S. Miyanaga and Thelma Noguchi, guards.

The Belles had a hard time turning back the bid of the San Jose Purplettes for a championship repeat in the day's first game. The final score of 22-20 attests to the closeness of the fray.

Then while the Monterey lassies were taking a well-earned rest, the Mountain View girls took the floor and left it with a big 32-8 win over San Juan. Salinas then assumed command of the floor and eliminated the Watsonville Starlettes and the Mountain View lassies successively. Both scores were decidedly one-sided.

Then while the San Francisco YMBA Poops, featuring the all-star talents of Yukio Kawahara and Eiichi Sato, were eking out a 30-25 triumph over the Monterey Poops, the Rodeo City gals managed to draw in a few gasps of much-needed breaths.

Then came the final game, climaxing a tourney that consisted of five girls' games and one boys' fray. Fumiko Owashi was in charge of arrangements for the tournament, and she was assisted by a large staff of YWBA members.

To the victors, the Monterey YWBA Belles, go the spoils and the trophy! To the vanquished, in this case, the Salinas Bluettes, goes the credit of turning in a swell game, an unmatched feat of stamina and endurance with no alibi-ing for the three tough games.

The Monterey Belles' capable coaches are Teruo Esaki and Tad Marumoto, while the Salinas lassies displayed the well-mentored results of Lloyd "Sheik" Urabe.